MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): No. The question was whether an estimate has been prepared for metalling the road and I answered 'yes' and the other question (*c*) was whether they have received any representation for metalling the road and I said 'no'. The representation has been for gravelling the road.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I just explain?

PRESIDENT: I quite understand your question and I also quite understand the answer given by the Government member.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Part (*b*) of the question is 'what is the estimated amount' and the member says that it is Rs. 31,170 and that it is the same amount which is estimated for gravelling the road. I wish to know whether the expenditure for gravelling and metalling is the same.

PRESIDENT: I understand the Chief Engineer to say that the amount he has specified is for the purpose of gravelling the road but not for metalling it and that the cost of metalling would be higher. All the same there has been some confusion of thought.

Cheppad-Vettikulangara road in the Kartikapalli taluk.

19 ***MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR** (*Kartikapalli II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a road called the Cheppad-Vettikulangara road in the Kartikapalli taluk in the charge of the P. W. D.;

(*b*) whether, if a small deviation is made at the Vettikulangara temple, it will serve to connect the Quilon-Alleppey road with the Kartikapalli-Kayankulam road;

(*c*) whether any of the officers of the P. W. D. in the Quilon Division has recently made any inspection of this cross-road; and

(*d*) the result of the inspection, if any?

MR. G B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) There is no such road in the charge of the P. W. D.

(*b*) There is a road to Vettikulangara temple which is said to be a temple road. If an extension of this road is made, it will connect the Quilon-Alleppey road and the Kayankulam-Kartikapalli road.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) It was found that the road would be serviceable, if constructed.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): May I know from the member whether the road can be extended as far as the Kayankulam backwaters so as to connect it with the jetty there?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): The road is not in the charge of the P. W. D. at present.

MR. V RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): My point is whether this road can be extended.

MR. G B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): It can be extended most certainly.

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MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): May I know whether an estimate has been called for by the department?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): No.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): May I know from the member whether it is not advisable in view of the fact that it is a serviceable road to call for an estimate?

PRESIDENT: Not furnishable.

Teaching of Economics in the College of Arts.

20 ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are duly qualified Professors in the Arts College to impart instruction in Economics:

(*b*) whether there is any one at all in the College who possesses English or Indian academic distinction in that subject;

(*c*) the arrangement made by the Government in the Arts College in that particular direction in pursuance of Mr. Gopala Menon's transfer to the Science College;

(*d*) whether the present arrangement, if any, is satisfactory under the University Rules; and

(*e*) whether it is true that one of the two Professorships already sanctioned by Government still remains vacant?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Mr. N. S. Narasimha Aiyangar, Assistant Professor, is doing the bulk of the work.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*) may I know from the member the nature of the academic distinction possessed by the Professor?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): It does not necessarily refer to the Professor. It refers to the whole history and economics staff. There is no Professor who possesses outstanding qualifications in Economics.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): My question is whether there is any one at all in the College who possesses English or Indian academic distinction in Economics.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The answer is that there is an Assistant Professor who possesses special qualifications.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member the nature of the academic distinction possessed by that Professor?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): That Assistant Professor was awarded the University Gold Medal in Economics on his passing the B. A., took his M. A. in History and Economics.

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